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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT - DAKAR - ACCOMMODATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR INSPECTED SPACE PROPOSED FOR PARTY'S USE IN ALMADIES HOTEL ON APRIL 13. TWO-LEVEL PRESIDENTIAL SUITE CONSISTING OF TWO BEDROOMS ABOVE AND LIVING/MEETING ROOM, DINING ROOM AND SMALL KITCHEN BELOW AVAILABLE FOR SECRETARY'S USE. SUITE IS LOCATED ATOP WING OF HOTEL CONTAINING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY FIVE OTHER TWO-ROOM (TWO-LEVEL) SUITES WHICH COULD SERVE FOR STAFF ASSISTANTS' OFFICE, S/S, SS, SY, SENIOR STAFF, HOLDING ROOM, AND TWO STAFF ASSISTANT BEDROOMS. ENTIRE AREA CAN BE CLOSED OFF FROM REST OF HOTEL. CONTROL ROOM AND REMAINDER OF PARTY COULD BE LOCATED ON FLOORS IMMEDIATELY BELOW. PRESS ROOM CAN BE LOCATED IN HOTEL MEETING ROOM ON LOWER FLOOR OF SAME WING. HOTEL MANAGEMENT INDICATES THAT SUFFICIENT ROOMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL ELEMENTS OF PARTY, INCLUDING PLANE CREWS (HOTEL IS NEAR AIRPORT).

2. HOTEL DES ALMADIES IS SPRAWLING COMPLEX RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED ALONG SEASHORE ON AFRICA'S WESTERNMOST TIP OF LAND BY LEADING SENEGALESE ENTREPRENEUR. STRIKING ARCHITECTURE BLENDS MODERN HOTEL/CONFERENCE/RESORT FACILITIES WITH ECLECTIC BLEND OF

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ROMANESQUE, ARABIC AND AFRICAN DESIGN FEATURES. MAIN DRAWBACK

IS 20-25 MINUTE DRIVING TIME TO CENTRAL DAKAR WHERE
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND EMBASSY ARE LOCATED. HOWEVER, GOS HAS
CONCLUDED THAT ONLY ADEQUATE DOWNTOWN HOTEL WOULD BE
INAPPROPRIATE AND INACCESSIBLE DUE TO DISRUPTION CAUSED BY
CLOSE PROXIMITY MAY DAY PARADE ON MORNING OF ARRIVAL.
ACCORDINGLY, GOS HAS INSTRUCTED MANAGER TO MAKE LES ALMADIES
AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE. EMBASSY AGREES THAT LES ALMADIES IS BY
FAR BEST AVAILABLE OPTION AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE
IN THIS SITE.

3. HOTEL ELECTRIC CURRENT IS 220 VOLTS/50 CYCLES.
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